

**Mount Forest United Church
Leadership Team Meeting
August 6th 7:00 pm**

Attendance: Betty Seminowicz, Norm Eygenraam, Rick Sinnamon, Dan McArthur, Daphne Rappard, Gerry Wilkinson, Lene MacLean, Reverend Lori Campbell, Secretary Neil Aitken, and Co-Chairs Bob McFarlane & Laurie Aitken.

Opening prayer by Laurie Aitken.

Welcome: Reading Campbell Cork's article from the Better Farming magazine. Neil read the recent article about the amount Forest United Church's steeple and the steeple Jack who fell off in the 1950's and survived.



Minutes from last meeting, June 18, 2024
Motion to accept: Rick Sinnamon
Seconded: Norm Eygenraam.....carried

Business arising from the minutes:

1) Fellowship Hall

Painting finished:

-Payment of Account from the restoration fund. \$8800. There was much agreement that the Hall looking beautiful and that it was a lot of extra work from Shawn McLeod and the price was more than reasonable.

-Electrical -- new wiring. Upon investigation of the wiring going to numerous light fixtures, Dan informed us that there were numerous safety issues. Ken Burke Electric was called and the worked very hard to get the new wiring above the ceiling installed. Pig tail lighting is still more than doing the job for us until we can agree on light fixtures and light bulbs. Lene MacLean gave us a report on all different fixtures she and her committee are proposing.

Rick thanked Lene and Dan for all their hard work.

Lene mentioned that it was tough getting prices when you need 15 fixtures but stores only have a limited quantity.

Norm has a connection to get prices on quantities.

2) Reports from Committees

Wow: Norm reported the sad events of a good colleague from WOW who passed away. The Leadership extends their condolence to the family of Jennifer Irving.

The fall WOW meetings will be at the end of September.

Financial Report. Al Leach sent an updated report included in the agenda and also the minutes.

Minister Report. Bob noted that it had been so long since we had a ministers report that it was neglected in the agenda.

Reverend Lori gave us a brief update on all the committees she has been meeting with.

Gerry asked if the committee meeting times be added to the bulletin

Motion to accept committee reports: Lene MacLean

Seconded: Norm Eygenraam.....carried

3) New Business:

a) Church House basement water after last big rain. On an ongoing basis, the water level is higher than usual in the basement. Rick Sinnamon asked the obvious question that where there is water there is mold. It is time we decide what to do with that building. Chairman Bob suggested we leave that decision for another meeting but for now we deal with the problem. There is a company in Mildmay that does spray sealant on the basement walls that we will investigate. ii/ is there a door to the basement that we can keep closed to stop the bad air from circulating to Lori and Juliann's workspace? Yes. The door can be closed. Also, Daphne has an industrial dehumidifier from her office that we can pick up and put in the church house basement.

b) Moving the Casserole Ministry freezer from Church house basement to main floor. This will be done

c) Church House custodian

Dan. The notices went into the bulletins and Kelly Eves applied. She will replace Evelyn Carson who has worked hard there for 11 years.

The garage doors and church house windows need painting.

4. Other: VBS started today with great success. 24 kids enrolled. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Friday they are spending the morning at McFarlane's farm.

Upcoming events:

1) Vacation Bible School

August 6 to 9

-Christian Education Committee

-Nancy Harper and helpers

2) Gerry reported on the Woodland Garage Sale 8:00 - 2:00 and BBQ 11:00 - 1:00. Hot dogs, fries and pies.

- To be held at 100 Harris Crescent, Bob Harris

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3) Gerry and Lori spoke on Woodland Anniversary, Reverend Lori and Reverend Bonnie Holliday will officiate. Funny enough they knew each other from Emanuel College where Lori was an instructor to the new recruit Bonnie. Musical Belles will be the guest singers. Lunch will follow.

August 25. 11:00 a.m.

Other:

Closing prayer: Reverend Lori Campbell told us how she's been doing a lot of listening. Listening to stories and concerns and doing a lot of reading. Reading the Strategic Plan and 'Stones in the River'. 'How to Lead When you Don't Know Where You're Going.'

Then Lori read a couple paragraphs; 'Middle Time', between where you're going, and 'Holy Manners' keeping everyone in the circle of care.

Rick Sinnamon adjourned the meeting.

Here is the updated financial report thanks to Al Leach:

Financial Report to Leadership Team Meeting- August 6, 2024

➤ June Financial statements have been received, but not the July statements as of this report.

- General Operating Fund balance to end of June is approx. \$99,100.
- Total income (operating & non-operating) is now approx. at 120% of YTD (year to date) target largely due in part to a \$25k bequest received this year. The June report also represents approx..60% of the annual budget.

- Operating income (receiptable and non-receiptable) is approx. at 50% of the YEP projection.

- Total Operating Expenses are only at approx. 60% of the YEP after 6 months or 1/2 year, however

this figure will change with our new minister in place.

- Excess Income/Expenses is at approx. \$52,400, (i.e. Total revenue – Total expenses to date or \$131,830 -\$79,425) which is approx. \$69,770 ahead of YTD (year to date budget projection) i.e. budgeted projection at end of 6 months was for a deficit of -\$27,365 and the Church budget is currently at +\$52,400.

- A year end deficit of \$48,500 was the original approved budget projection, however with current revenue & expenditure picture & the hiring of a new Minister; a revised projection, with possible financial support from Trustees, is estimated at an approximate break-even year-end projection for 2024.

- Preliminary indicators are, that after 6 months, the Church is in a positive financial position. ➤ COMMITTEES EXPENDITURE PICTURE at end of 6 months:

- M&P is currently at 50% of the projected budget (as expected without a minister)....this figure will change dramatically with a new minister in place effective with the July statements.

- Worship Service- on target. (52% spent to date)

- Choral – on target (50% spent to date)

- Pastoral Care –minimal expenditures to date. (1.5% of projected budget spent)

- CE – minimal expenditures to date. (3.0% of projected budget spent)

- M&S – minimal expenditures to date. (10.0% of projected budget spent)

- Benevolent- no expenditures to date. (0.0% spent)

- M&F – slightly below budgeted target. (20.0% of projected budget spent)

- Media – on target. (54% spent to date)

- Church Property - below YTD target by approx. \$5,000 or (35% spent).

- Church House- below YTD target by approx. \$1,400 or (32.0% spent).

- Grounds – currently below YTD target by approx. \$1,400 or (45% spent) This could change depending on snowfall in the early winter months in 2024.

- Admin – exceeds YTD target by approx. \$850 due to internet & office supplies costs or (63% spent).

- WOW –slightly exceeds YTD target by approx. \$1,000 as assessment cost has increased. (60%

spent to date)

- Fundraising – exceeds annual budget by approx. \$100 or (67% spent to date)

Brought forward from June meeting: Under non-operating funds, there are currently retained funds in the strategic planning of approx. \$3,600. A follow up was to take place to determine if any restrictions on these funds.

Respectfully submitted: Al Leach, Finance & Stewardship Committee Chair

